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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:
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Examiner: William D. Cumming

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 26, 2002

Dear Examiner Cumming:

This correspondence is being filed as a full response to the Office action dated March 6, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following and consideration of the appended remarks.

A request for a five month extension of time to and including September 26, 2002, in which to respond to the outstanding Office action dated March 26, 2002, is enclosed. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1960.00 to cover the extension fee.

RESPONSE

The Examiner has required, under 35 USC 121, that the Applicant elect from a plurality of disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that Applicant must elect one species from claims 50-57 which depend upon generic claims 45-49. Further Applicant is required to elect one species from claims 59-63 which depend upon generic claim 58.

ELECTION

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement. Applicant hereby elects claim 56 which claims the transmission system as a wired transmission system. Specifically, Applicant has elected the body of claims including generic claims 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49, and species claim 56.

Further, in accordance with the Examiner's requirement, Applicant hereby elects claim 61 which claims the connector as being an Ethernet connection. Specifically, the Applicant has elected the body of claims including generic claim 58 and species claim 61.